Power Systems of West Bengal and Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), by displacement.

Increasing demand for petroleum and natural gas

2239. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for petroleum and natural gas has gone up from 5.5 per cent in 1985-86 to 6.2 per cent in 1986-87;

(b) if so, whether their indigenous production has grown proportionately; and

(c) if not, what specific steps have been taken by Government to increase the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The growth rates in consumption of petroleum products and indigenous production of crude oil and natural gas for these two years are given below:

	1985-86	1986-87
Consumption (Petroleum Products)	5.4%	6.2%
Production (Crude Oil) . .	15.9%	1.0%
Consumption (Natural Gas) .	16%	30%
Production (Natural Gas) .	12.3%	25.8%

The demand for petroleum products is being adequately met through refining of indigenous as well as imported crude oil and by imports of identified petroleum products to the extent necessary. Certain surplus petroleum products are also being exported. As regards natural gas, its production is in excess of the demand, which is being adequately met.

Waiting lists for cooking gas

2240. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons at present on the waiting lists for obtaining cooking gas in Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and capitals of various States;

(b) what was the arrears in the waiting lists at each of these places on October 1 during each of the last of the three years including the current year; and

(c) what are the special steps which have been taken to clear the arrears and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The figures are furnished below:

(In '000)

	Waiting lists as on		
	Oct. 1, 1985	Oct. 1, 1986	Oct. 1 198
Delhi . .	489.0	462.0	480.8
Bombay .	108.5	50.4	17.4
Madras . .	1.4	..	4.5
Calcutta .	71.5	56.9	92.8
Other State Capitals. .	471.6	396.8	332.8

(c) Oil companies continue to release LPG connections all over the country, including the State capitals under their Annual Marketing Plans, subject to augmentation of availability of bulk product and other necessary infrastructural facilities like bottling plants etc.